



Proclamation

WHEREAS, cervical cancer is the second most common cancer in women worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the disease is the third most common gynecological cancer among American women, and the American Cancer Society estimated that approximately 10,370 women were diagnosed with and 3,710 died from cervical cancer in 2005; and

WHEREAS, most deaths from cervical cancer can be avoided if women have regular cervical cancer screenings; and

WHEREAS, both the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute state that of all cancers, cervical cancer is one of the most responsive to prevention, treatment and early detection methods; and

WHEREAS, cancer mortality rates have declined over the past 20 years with increased awareness, prevention and early detection by screening; and

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiian women and Filipino women, respectively, have the highest and second highest incidence rates for cervical cancer among all women in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the good health of women in Hawai'i is enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about cervical cancer throughout the community,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 2006 as

CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Hawai'i, and urge all citizens to spread the message of early detection and prevention through education and access to quality health care.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eleventh day of January 2006.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i